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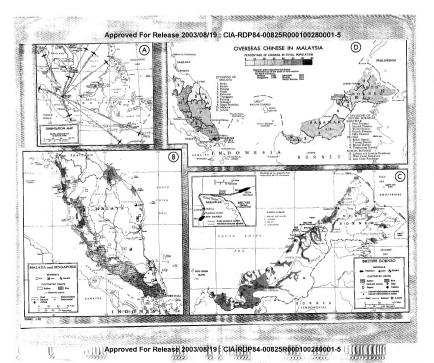
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An indication of the relative importance of these products in of the producing components of Malaysia is given below:

Principal Exports		M111	ion Malayan	Dollars s
(1960)	Malaya	North Borneo	Brunei	Sarayak
Rubber	1.829.0	40.2	4.5	122.4
Tin	507.0	. 0	0 -	0
Petroleum	0	0	240.1	2.0
Timber	55.0	91.0	Negl.	Negl.
Iron ore	140.0	. 0	0	0
Copra and cocosut oil	24.0	40.2	Negl.	Negl.
Palm of l	60.0	Negal.	Megl.	Negl.
Pepper	Negl.	Negal.	Negl.	17.2
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All modestry units in this memorands are managed units, on the Malaysis mometary unit entablished after World Var II by the British for the Malaysis area; at official exchange rates one US dollar equals three Malaysis dollars.

Malaya obviously will be the main source of exports from the new Federation, and the chief exports, at least for the near future, will be rubber, tin, petroleus, timber, and iron ore. Currently, the communics of the Malaystan components are

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Population Groups	Number	Percent	Percent
Malays	3,126,706	49.8	19.5
Chinese	2,332,936	37.2	38.4
Indians	695,985	11.3	10.8
Europeans and Others	123,136	1.7	1.3
Total.	6,278,763	100.0	100.0

Significantly, the 1997 census shown that, of the 2-67 million persons in urban centers, 63 percent or 1.7 million were Chinese. (The percentage of Chinese to the total population by second-order shministrative division for the Malsysian area is shown on Map 356422.)

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Singapore: The official estimate of the population of Singapore as of June 1960 was 1,63,100 or about 17 percent of the total population of the Malaysian area as of 1960. Its ethnic composition by musher and percent follows.

Population Groups	196	1947	
	Number	Percent	Percen
Chinese	1,230,700	75-3	77.8
Malays	227,300	13.9	12.1
Indians and Pakistanis	137,800	8.4	7.3
Eurasians	12,200	8.0	1.0
Baropeans	12,700	0.8	1.0
Others	13,400	0.8	0.8
Total	1,634,100	100.0	100.0

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	MEMORANDUM FOR:	
	SUBJECT: Geographic Intelligence Memorandum on "Malaysia" CIA/RR GM 62-2	
	REFERENCE: 2	25X
25X1	1. Your comments on subject report, which was produced on short deadline at ONE's request, have been noted. The following paragraphs refer to the several points of content questioned. 2. UK rights in Singapore. We agree that the CM 62-2 statement, "the United Kingdomwill retain the right to use the Singapore military base." should be regarded as subject to Federation leaders' permissiveness and local popular attitudes. These limitations, however, apply to the British situation presently the British could not, for instance, use Singapore against the Indonesians in New Guines. Similarly, we felt that the residual sovereignty possessed by the host country is a limitation on freedom of action that is generally appreciated. The report here only intended to record the fact of agreement on UK rights, as announced by Prime Minister Rahman	₹5X
	3. Malaysia Solidarity Consultative Committee. We agree that this committee does not represent all popular opinion. The term, "representative" was used in the sense that the committee is constituted of representatives	
25X1	from all of the political components interested in Malaysia The fact of its "stacked" possibilities might have been made more explicit, although you will note that the preceding sentence intentionally refers to formation of the Cobbold Commission as a probable pro forma act on the part of the British Government.	25X
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ly improved since the period of the Emergency. On the other hand, based on the present knowledge of Malaya's natural resources, we believe it is unwarranted to claim, as you suggest "many expert observers" do, that the Federation has "very considerable economic potentials for the future." Our detailed conclusions on the Federation's resource base are available on request.

- 5. Map A. This map shows great-circle distances, not those of scheduled air carrier routes. "Airline" distances in the legend thus should have been "sir" distances. With regard to the questioned citation of direct flights from Singapore to Manila, the Official Airline Guide for April 1962 lists four direct flights weekly by BOAC between Singapore and Manila. In addition, there were three flights weekly by Cathay Pacific Airways from Singapore to Manila via Hong Kong. We were wrong in showing direct flights to Sydney.
- 6. Map B. The omission from this map of the main north-south road in Malaya has its roots in an old cartographic problem -- how to show background detail without obscuring the main subject of the map. In this case, there were a number of design complications which counseled omission of this road, as indeed many others. Concerning the main East-West route, you are right -- portrayal of a major section of the road was based on an obsclete source. Concerning the road shown as entering Thailand, our information has it trafficable, constructed of crushed stone or blacktop as of 1959; we would certainly accept a more recent report. In the case of the motorable route on the east coast, we may both be in error -- a recheck here shows good evidence for the trafficability of all sections except that between Pontian and Rompin; this possible gap is to be closed by a new road to be completed in 1963.
- 7. Place names. Names on Map D were holdovers from a conveniently available base map which carried names only for rough orientation, and, in the process, gave preference to those of towns on railroads. The name selection is admittedly arbitrary and improvable. In view of short deadlines and the presence of Map B as the primary map of Malaya, no recompilation of this aspect of Map D was deemed necessary.

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